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Retired Air Force Officer Pleads Not Guilty to Interception of NASA Employee's Email

On January 27, 2000, Edward L. Shallenberger, retired LTCOL, United States Air Force, pled not guilty to a one-count criminal information filed against him on November 29, 1999, for the interception of a NASA Ames Research Center employee's email, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1030(a)(2) (Fraud and related activity in connection with computers). The plea was entered in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose, CA. The court ordered Shallenberger not have any further contact with the victim in this case.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Inspector General's Office of Criminal Investigations, Computer Crimes Division. Prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Parker (Carlos) Singh, Criminal Division, United States Attorneys Office, San Jose, CA, (408) 535-5061.

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